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THE
MIDNIGHT-RAMBLE:
OR, THE
ADVENTURES
OF

Two Noble Females:

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A true and impartial Account of their
late Excursion through the Streets
of *London* and *Westminster*.

Wherein is exemplified from Jealousies,
Doubts, and Fears, the various Misfor-
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by their Milliner (whom they artfully en-
gaged to attend them in Disguise in
this Frolick) met with, in Pursuit to dis-
cover their Husbands Intrigues.

Interspersed with

The Humours of Mr. Constable and his Watch-
men, who took them into Custody in *Covent-
Garden*, about Three in the Morning.

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Illa pudore vacat, liber amorque metu.*

Ovid. Eleg.

L O N D O N:

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The Room will be fitted up in a new Manner, and illuminated with
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To begin at Seven o'Clock.

On Sunday Night last, a Man being put upon
the Watch in James-street, by Covent Garden,
who happen'd to be disorder'd in his Senles, he
fancy'd as he stood upon his Stand in the dead
time of the Night, that he saw an Apparition in
the Shape of a Woman, which he said told him
several Things, and order'd him to get a Con-
stable, and search a Gentlewoman's House in the
said Street, and they would find her Husband
(who had been the Occasion of her Death) by
which something would be discovered that
would make her be at Rest; so that he went to
the Round-house and prevailed with the Con-
stable to go with some Assistance to the said
Gentlewoman's House, between 2 and 3 o'Clock
on Monday Morning, when they were (upon
telling their Business) admitted, and searched
her House, which very much disturbed the
Neighbourhood, and put several of the Inhabi-
tants in a very great Consternation: The Watch-
man since that time continues to be very much

MARBLE-HALL, at Vaux-Hall, is fitted up in a commodious Manner, for the Reception of Company; where there is always Plenty of Provisions, hot or cold; the best of Toka, Constantia, Burgundy, and all other Wines, Coffee, Tea, Jellies, &c. and hot Rolls every Afternoon: The Whole on the most reasonable Terms, by N. Hart, of Essex-Street in the Strand. 1756

Noté, There is an Assembly every Evening, for the Improvement of grown Persons in Dancing. The Conditions of subscribing is a Guinea for ten Tickets, or 2s. 6d. for a single one. Musick, Dancing, Fencing, &c. taught at the Academy, with the greatest Privacy and Expedition.

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All Men, whilst they are awake, are in one common World; but that each of them, when he is asleep, is in a World of his own. PLUTARCH.

Printed for F. Noble, at Orway's Head in St. Martin's Court, near Leicester-Fields; and T. Wright at the Bible in Exeter-Exchange; and sold by J. Collyer in Ivy-Lane, Paternoster Row; and at the Pamphlet-Shops of London and Westminster.

On Sunday about Twelve o'Clock the Corpse of a young Woman was discovered in a Ditch near the Dog-house Bar. She was carried to Cripplegate Work-house and searched; but no Marks of Violence being found, it is supposed she died for Want. 1729

Yesterday Morning a Woman hang'd herself in a Vault belonging to Mr. Stacey, a Butcher in Vere Court, Clare-market; she was cut down before she was dead, but was so far gone, that 'tis doubted if she'll get over it.

On Sunday Morning Mr. Moss, of Weybridge in Surrey, was found hanging on a Tree between Sunbury and Shipperton.

The same Morning a Man, but indifferently dressed, and with only 3 Half-pence in his Pocket, was found drowned in the New River near Canbury-House.

On Friday Morning before Day, Major Fitzgerald passing to his Lodging in New Bond-street, in a Chair, two Gentlemen supposed to be in Wine were very importunate to know who was in the Chair: After some Words, the Major came out; and greater Words ensued, till at length they agreed to meet in the Nursery in Hide-park on the same Spot where Duke Hamilton and Lord Mohun fought. Accordingly the Major and Mr. Hodges, one of the Gentlemen, met about 9 o'Clock that Morning; and having in a very Gentleman-like Manner pitched upon their Ground, and settled their manner of Fighting, they fired a Pistol at each other, without doing any Hurt; they then engaged with their Swords, and Mr. Hodges was run through the Sword-Arm, and once through the Shoulder, but not mortally; they then desisted, and came Home together in a Coach in a most amicable manner.

They write from Sheffield in the County of York, that last Week a Snow fell upon the Moors and other Places adjacent, above a Foot thick, which is looked upon as very remarkable, such a Thing having never happened in those Parts at this Time of the Year in the Memory of the oldest Man living.

Last Wednesday Night a Quarrel happened at the Bell Ale-house in Little Hart-street, Covent-Garden, between one William Hill, a Gentleman's Servant, and Thomas Hargrave an Oyster-man. The Dispute arose about a Wager of Five Shillings depending between them: They strip'd and fought in Covent-Garden-Square, and after several Falls, Hill said, he had enough, upon which they were parted; and Hill being returned to the Ale-house, one of his Acquaintance said, Will, He has beat you; upon which he answer'd, I have beat him as much, and in a few Minutes after expir'd.

*To the MASTERS and MISTRESSES of all Degrees
in Great Britain,*

Who are hereby informed,

THAT at the PUBLIC REGISTER-OFFICE

in King-street, Covent-Garden, are Registered, with the best Characters well attested, a great Number of Servants of all Degrees, from the Steward and Housekeeper to the most inferior of either Sex. The Care and Caution taken to be assured the Persons who register themselves in this Office have a Character that may be depended on, will fully convince any Gentleman or Lady, that the Proprietors are resolved to spare neither Trouble nor Expence to make the Undertaking, what it is intended, a real Benefit and Advantage; and must remove the Scruples which have been ordinarily entertained by Masters and Mistresses against this Method of providing themselves with Servants.

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This Day is Published, 1731
(On a FAN MOUNT)

Another
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An EMBLEM of the Four different Stages of MAN's LIFE, finely delineated in seven hieroglyphical Figures: Being a lively Representation of the Address of young Lovers; the Raptures of a new-married Couple; the reciprocal Harmony of ancient, wedded Companions; and the abject, wretched State of an Old Maid. Illustrated with a Paraphrase on each Cut, which serves as a Key to the whole. — Sold by JONATHAN PINCHBECK, at the Fan and Crown in New Round-Court in the Strand; and the Fan-Shops of London and Westminster.

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A speedy and perfect Cure for all Sorts of AGUES, with a pleasant Medicine, that in 24 Hours takes away both Agues and Fevers so infallibly, that they return not again, as great Numbers of both Sexes have happily experienced, to their great Satisfaction, when the Bark and all other Medicines fail'd. I forbear to use many Words, for the Truth is justified by the innumerable Cures already perform'd by it in most Parts of this Kingdom.

To be had of Dr. Deernar, at the Golden Ball at Hyde Park Corner, London, and no where else.

This Day is Published, [Now first printed]

FOUR SPEECHES against continuing the ARMY, &c. as they were spoken on several Occasions in the House of Commons. As also a SPEECH for relieving the unhappy Sufferers in the charitable Corporation; as it was spoken in the House of Commons, May 8th, 1731. By W. S. Esq;

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Where may be had,

The Chevalier RAMSAY's Plan of Education for a young Prince. Price 6 d.

LOST last August at Tunbridge,

A Gold SNUFF-BOX, eight Square, a little Cypher and Flower-de-luce on the Lid, a large Cypher on the Bottom, with the Date 1714. Whoever will bring it to Mr. Thomas, a Solicitor in Bedford-Bury, Covent-Garden, shall have six Guineas Reward and no Questions asked. No greater Reward will be offer'd.

Just Published,

The NEW-YEAR's-GIFT complete. In Six Parts. Composed of Meditations and Prayers for every Day in the Week; with Devotions for the Sacrament, Lent, and other Occasions. Printed for S. Birt, at the Bible and Ball in Ave-Mary-Lane, and S. Harding in St. Martin's-Lane, 1731.

N. B. The first Part is to be had alone in 140. Price 6 d. or 40 s. a Hundred, bound.

WHEREAS a Gentleman yesterday came to the Queen's Arms and Mitre in Fulham, between Ten and Eleven o' Clock, where a Servant waited for him, the Gentleman alighting went into a Chariot, or Coach, and the said Servant led his Horse to Town; this is to request the Gentleman who owns the said Servant and Horses, to leave Word by a Line, at George's Chocolate-house by St. James's Gate, where he may be waited on or spoke with, the said Servant having, in the grossest Manner, abus'd a Gentleman on the Road.

The Servant had his own light-colour'd Hair, wears a darkish Livery (it is thought lined with Yellow) rode a bay crop Horse, and led a Chevalier with a Half-Bit, and had a Spaniel follow'd him.

And lest this Advertisement should not reach the Gentleman's Knowledge, a Reward of one Guinea is hereby offer'd to any Person that will discover to whom the said Servant and Horses belong, at the Bar of the said Chocolate-House.

To prevent for the future the gross Impostion that is daily put upon the Publick, by a great Number of Shop-keepers, Hawkers and Pedlars, in and about this Town,

Notice is hereby given,



THAT the ingenious

Mr. Edward Pinchbeck, at the Musical Clock in Fleetstreet, does not dispose of one Grain of his curious Metal, which so nearly resembles Gold in Colour, Smell and Ductility, to any Person whatsoever; nor are the Toys made of the said Metal sold by any one Person in England except himself; therefore Gentlemen are desired to beware of Imposters, who frequent Coffee-Houses, and expose to Sale Toys pretended to be made of this Metal, which is a most notorious Impostion upon the Publick. And Gentlemen and Ladies

may be accommodated by the said Mr. Pinchbeck with the following curious Toys, viz.

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Cane-Heads,
Whip-Handles for Hunting,
Spurs,
Equipages,
Watch-Chains,
Coat-Buttons,
Shirt-Buttons,
Knives and Forks,
Spoons,
Silvers,

Tweezers for Men and Women
Snuff-Boxes,
Buckles for Ladies Breasts,
Stock-Buckles,
Shoe-Buckles,
Knee-Buckles,
Girdle-Buckles,
Stock-Clasps,
Knee-Clasps,
Necklaces,
Corrals.

And in particular Watches, plain and chased, in so curious a Manner, as not to be distinguish'd by the nicest Eye from real Gold, and which are highly necessary for Gentlemen and Ladies when they travel; with several other fine Pieces of Workmanship of any Sort, made by the best Hands.

The said Mr. Pinchbeck likewise makes Astronomical and Musical Clocks; which new invented Machines, are so artfully contrived, as to perform on several Instruments great Variety of fine Pieces of Music, composed by the most celebrated Masters, with that Exactitude, and in so beautiful a Manner, that scarce any Hand can equal them.

They likewise imitate the sweet Harmony of Birds to so great a Perfection as not to be distinguish'd from Nature itself.

He also makes Repeating, and all other Sorts of Clocks and Watches; particularly Watches of a new Invention, the Mechanism of which is so simple, and the Proportion so just, that they come nearer Truth than any others yet made.

He also mends all Sorts of Clocks and Watches, Musical Machines, and Pieces of Machinery whatsoever, after so just a Manner, that they shall go well tho' they never did before.

Laſt Monday a moſt notorious ſtreet-walker was taken up in Fleet-ſtreet, and committed to Bridewell; but in going there, ſeveral young fellows, who are called Bullies, and infeſt the ſtreets every night in company with common prostitutes, knocking down people, and picking pockets, &c. reſcued her out of the officers hands. On Friday night ſhe was taken again, and on Saturday carried before the Lord Mayor, who committed her to the above priſon, and ordered that ſhe ſhould have nothing allowed her for ſubſiſtence but what ſhe earned; and to prevent her being reſcued again, ſhe was carried handcuffed in a cart, attended by above 20 conſtables. Another woman was committed to the ſame priſon for abuſing a tradesman's wife laſt Friday evening in Fleet-ſtreet.

Yeſterday a man was committed to the Gatehouſe by Juſtice Gardiner, being found in the apartments at the Queen's houſe with keys in his pocket. He has ſince been found to be out of his ſenſes.

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TO TUESDAY, March 27, 1733.

Last Night about Nine o' Clock the Daily Courant was publickly burnt by the Hands of John Hooper, the common Hangman, at Temple-Bar; for containing false and scandalous Reflections on the Merchants and Traders of this City, for their Opposition to the Excise.

Last Week the Water in the Serpentine River, Hyde-Park, was so prodigiously increased by the Rising of the Springs and the Falling of the Rains, that the same gave way at one Corner; a vast Number of Hands were immediately set to lay Fascines, and dig Trenches; otherwise the higher Part of Knightsbridge must inevitably have been laid under Water.

William Gordon, the famous Highwayman now in Newgate, will be prosecuted for assaulting Mr. John Bellinger of Woodstock in Oxfordshire upon the Highway on the 24th of December last in the County of Middlesex; and robbing him of his Horse, Great-Coat and some Money: There are about twelve other Prosecutions against him for Robberies on the Highway; but he would fain be admitted an Evidence against several that he has drawn in to be Highwaymen; who in all Probability had liv'd honestly; and thus he thinks to rob Tyburn of its Due.

L O N D O N.

We hear, that on Thursday Night last, there was a general privy Search, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hands and Seals of thirteen of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of Westminster. Divers lewd and disorderly Persons were taken out of several Night Houses and Night Cellars, betwixt the Hours of Ten and One in the Morning, who were carried the next Day before several of the said Justices at the Vestry of St. Martin's in the Fields, and six of them were committed to hard Labour to Tothilfields Bridewell, and two bound over to the next sessions.



THE
MIDNIGHT-RAMBLE:
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Two Noble NIGHT-WALKERS, &c.

PREVIOUS to an Account of the ensuing Frolick, which has afforded Matter of so much Entertainment, to those who have been made acquainted with the Particulars, it will be necessary to give some Relation of the Parties concerned. To mention Names, in rehearsing the Follies or Divertisements of Persons of Rank and Distinction, would border too much upon Obloquy, a Thing not in the least intended in this Narrative: Neither is there any Need for being so explicit, since none amongst the gay and polite World, can fail of having heard, more or less, of the following Characters.—Who is it that does not know *Dorimant*, the Son and Heir apparent of a noble *British* Peer? But if such there be, who are neither acquainted with his Person or Character, we shall inform them, he is descended from a very

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antient and noble Family, that have, for many Centuries, been Barons of this Realm.

The hereditary Estate belonging to the Family, could formerly vie with those of most Noblemen; but the Extravagance of some of his Ancestors had so curtailed it by *Debts, Annuities, &c.* that, at present, the neat Income thereof is far from being considerable. This occasioned his Father, who is now living, to provide a suitable Match for *Dorimant*, even before he came of Age; and therefore he procured him a young Lady, the Daughter of a certain Earl, with whom he had contracted the strictest Amity. She had a very large Fortune, which *Dorimant's* Father made the sole Object of his Wishes, as he thought it would retrieve the Family Estate; and upon his Son's Marriage with this Lady, he kept the Principal in his own Hands; allowing the new-married Couple somewhat above two thousand Pounds a Year to live upon, which he thought sufficient for their Support, 'till himself should follow the Course of Nature, and leave the whole Estate in *Dorimant's* Possession. Add to which, he procured for him a handsome Post, that required but small Attendance, with a large Salary annexed to it.

With these Advantages, *Dorimant* might have appeared in the World, with an Elegance and Dignity suitable to his Birth, had not his Taste and Principles been debauched in his younger Days, by associating himself with the greatest Rakes of the Town. As Love was not much consulted, by the Parties who matched him with Lady *Betty* ———; so he then entertained no other Idea of that Passion, than what may be predicated by a Term too gross to mention. And

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To prevent for the future the gross Impositions that is Daily
put on the Publi^{ck}.

Notice is hereby given,



That the TOYS made of Mr.
PINCHBECK's curious Metal are sold on-
ly by him, at the Musical Clock in Fleet-
street, and Mrs. Glanville's in Swin-
Alley near the Royal Exchange, London,
and at no other Shop in England: where
Gentlemen and Ladies may be accommo-
dated with Snuff-Boxes, Sword-Hilts,
Tweezer-Cases, Buckles and other curious
Pieces of Workmanship, made by the best
Hands; which so neatly resemble Gold,
that the best Judges can hardly distinguish
one from the other.

N. B. Those Toys sold by Mrs. Glan-
ville, and those that may (perhaps) be sold
by others hereafter, are seal'd with Mr.

PINCHBECK's Name, and Coat of Arms.

This Day is Published,

Four New and Correct Pair of GLOBES, of
3, 9, 12, and 15 Inches Diameter. The Stars on the Celestial are
carefully laid down, from those correct Catalogue of Stars, pub-
lished from the Observations of Mr. Flamsteed and Dr. Halley, and
the Constellations curiously drawn to answer the Description of the
Catalogues. The Terrestrial are done according to the best and
most approved Maps and Observations. The whole newly engrav'd
and fitted up in the neatest and most exact Manner.

By RICHARD CUSHEE, Globe-maker.

Sold by Tho. Wright, Mathematical Instrument-maker to his
Majesty, at the Orrery and Globe near Salisbury-Court in Fleet-
street; Jonathan Sisson, Mathematical Instrument-maker to the
Prince of Wales, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand;
and Richard Cushee at the Globe and Sun between St. Dunstan's
Church and Chancery-Lane in Fleet-street.

At the CANE and SWORD-CUTLER's Shop, in
Spring-Garden, near Charing Cross,

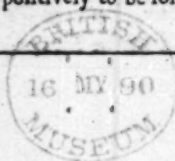
THERE is selling off, at prime Cost,
for ready Money, the intire Stock in Trade of the late
Mr. S T R A T O N.

Consisting of the greatest Variety of Goods in the Sword-Cutlery,
Cane, and Stick Branches, all made up in the neatest and most fashion-
able Manner by the best Workmen, viz. Silver-hilted Swords, and
Hangers, of all different Patterns; the finest polished Steel-hilted
Swords; also inlaid with Gold; Steel-mounted and gilt Swords,
for Horsemen; Mourning, Metal-gilt, and silvered Swords and
Hangers, fitted up with the best Blades; and Belts of different Sorts.

Choice of the finest Canes unmounted, or mounted with Gold;
fine Dresden, Amber, China, Metal-gilt, Ivory, and other Heads.

The greatest Variety of Walking-Sticks of various Woods, mounted
with many different kinds of Heads. Great Choice of the neatest-made
Silver, Metal, and Steel Buckles; with Seals, and Sleeve Buttons, in
Silver and Gold, and many other Articles, &c.

N. B. The House and Shop to be Lett, and entered upon at Lady-
day; and the above Goods positively to be sold off, the Business being
to be given over.



as he had hardly conversed with any, but the most abandoned of the Female Sex ; so he had very slender Notions of the Charms of Virtue and good Sense. Beauty indeed had some Power over him ; but not sufficient to restrain him from pursuing the Pleasure, that he met with in Variety.

Such was *Dorimant* at the Time of his Marriage, and nearly the same delicate Sentiments have engrossed his Mind ever since. This afforded great Anxiety to his Bride, Lady *Betty*, at their first coming together ; who, as she had been educated in the strictest Principles of Virtue, could not refrain viewing *Dorimant's* dissolute Course of Life, with the utmost Horror and Detestation : He generally spending his Evenings in riotous Mirth and Debauchery at the *Taverns* ; and most commonly passed the Remainder of the Night, in the Arms of some Courtesan at a *Bagnio*.

Lady *Betty* strove for a long Time, to reclaim *Dorimant* from the Delights of the Bottle, and the Embraces of common Mistresses : But finding all her Admonitions in vain, she at length assumed the Indifference of a Woman of *Quality* ; and acquired by degrees as much *Apathy* towards his Course of Life, as he seemed to have for her Person : And, indeed, tho' she was not a compleat Beauty ; yet she had Charms sufficient to engage and retain any Heart, but such a one as *Dorimant's*, which was quite given over to Dissoluteness.

Nearly in the same Neighbourhood with this happy and modish Couple, lived the gay *Ned Sprightly* and his Wife : He was an intimate Companion of *Dorimant's*, and being possessed of a

good Estate, indulged himself in all the sensual Gratifications that this Town can afford. His Wife was the Daughter of a Country Baronet; and having been brought up in a rural Place, she, at her first coming to *London*, was so taken with the polite Company she met with, that she soon entertained too great a Relish for the favourite Diversions and Amusements of this Metropolis, to have much Regard for her Spouse's Company, or to scrutinize into his Way of Life.——As he indulged her with the Liberty of going to all the Masquerades, Balls, Assemblies, Routs, Riots and Drums that suited her Inclinations; so she was very regardless of what Course of Life he led, what Company he kept, or how he spent his Evenings: Tho' she seldom found him come to her Bed, 'till near upon the Approach of Day-light, and then generally very much intoxicated with Liquor; which she took the less Notice of, as, perhaps, herself had not been long there before him.

Dorimant and *Ned Sprightly* were seldom asunder, either over a Bottle, or at their Midnight Revels and Debaucheries. It happened one Day, when *Sprightly* and his Wife dined with *Dorimant* and his Lady, that immediately after Dinner *Dorimant* drew *Sprightly* out to the *Bedford-Head*, to meet some young Sparks just arrived out of the Country, whom they had agreed to initiate into the Pleasures of the Town. They were hardly set out, when two City Ladies, and distant Relations, came to pay a Visit to Lady *Betty*; whereupon she and Mistress *Sprightly* sat down to entertain them at *Quadrille* 'till Supper-time, to which she invited them to stay.

At

LONDON, December 4. — 1731

On Monday last Mrs. Longley, charg'd with poisoning her Husband, was brought up to the Court of King's Bench, Westminster, in order to be bail'd, and several Affidavits were read in her Favour; but it appearing to the Court, that a Verdict of Wilful Murder was found against her by the Coroner's Inquest, consisting of twenty-three Jurors, she was remanded back to Prison.

The Motion made in the Court of King's Bench the last Day of Trinity-Term, in Arrest of Judgment against William Mackeig, Mary Harvey, and Isabella Eaton alias Gwin, upon their Conviction of Perjury, in swearing a Felony against John and Michael Willis, was on Saturday last learnedly argued by Counsel on both Sides. The assign'd Cause for arresting their Judgments was, that their Conviction was upon one Indictment, in which they were all indicted, and that each of them ought to have been indicted separately, which was allowed by the Court; upon which William Mackeig and Isabella Eaton were discharged. And

Monday Mary Harvey, alias Mackeig, was brought again into Court, when the other Matters laid to her Charge were learnedly argued by Counsel; but there not being a sufficient Proof of them, the Court discharged her.

Four Youths, Apprentices to Poulterers in St. James's Market, having disturb'd Mr. Anderson in his Meeting-House in Swallow-street, St. James's, during the Time of divine Service, they were all taken up by a Warrant from Miles Harper, Esq; one of whom, for want of Sureties, was committed to New Prison, and the other three bound over to the Sessions, but having submitted and acknowledged their Offence, a few Days since they all came into the said Meeting-house, and in a full Congregation begg'd Pardon of Mr. Anderson and his People; whereupon the Prosecution intended against them was dismissed.

Last Sunday was Se'nnight one Samuel Harvey, suspected to be a Highwayman, was taken at the White Hart at Dunmow in Essex, by the Mistress of the House; and being carried before a Justice of the Peace was committed to Chelmsford Gaol, where we hear there were two of the Gang before, who had robb'd all about the Country for some Time. It seems the Person came in and delivered a Handkerchief to the Woman of the House, in which were several Things ty'd up in a Bundle; and she perceiving that two Pocket-Pistols were in it, call'd for some Assistance and secured him.

Monday the Sessions ended at the Old Bailey, when the six following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, viz. Henry Neal for breaking open the House of Mr. Groves, Huntsman to the Lord Mayor, at the Dog-house Bar, and stealing thence a Hat, a Pair of Shoes, a Pair of Stockings, a Pair of Breeches, a Guinea and a half in Gold, and half a Crown in Silver; Ebenezer Dun for breaking open the House of Mrs. Loveslade, and stealing divers Goods of Value; John Ingram for breaking the House of Mr. Cure in the Hay-market, and stealing several Parcels of Goods; William Maclogue for stealing 90 Guineas in Money out of the House of Henry Green; William Heath, a Cabler of Bishopsgate street, for assaulting a Woman on the Highway, near Brook house, at Clapton, and robbing her of some Childbed Linnen and Three pence Farthing in Money; and William Roberts, alias Hampton, for breaking open the House of Henry Fry, and stealing several Parcels of Goods.

Bartholomew Harnet was try'd for wilful and corrupt Perjury, in swearing a Robbery against one William Holmes, a Sawyer, who died of the Gaol Distemper-soon after he was discharg'd from Newgate, and was found guilty, and sentenc'd to stand in the Pillory three Times, first at the Royal Exchange, second at the End of Chancery-lane, and the last Time in Bishopsgate-street; to suffer 12 Months Imprisonment, and to be transported for seven Years.

Richard Coats was also try'd for wilful and corrupt Perjury, but acquitted with great Honour; it appearing that tho' Poor, he had a better Character than some in a higher Station.

The Trial of Richard Bradshaw, a Quaker, for making a false Affirmation before a Judge, is put off till next Sessions.

Two were burnt in the Hand, 33 order'd for Transportation, and th. ea to be whipt.

Monday came on at Guildhall a Tryal for Words, between a Merchant and a Gentleman, the latter saying *the former would break*; the Jury considering what a nice Thing Credit is to Merchants and Tradesmen, gave a Verdict of 1500 l. Damages.

A great many Barges laden with Meal, &c. from the West Country for Queenhith, are detain'd in several Parts of the River, by the vast Quantities of Ice, and 'tis believed if the Frost continues till To-morrow, the Navigation of the Thames Westward will be wholly interrupted, and the Watermen then break up for the Holidays.

At about Ten o'Clock Supper was brought upon the Table; and at Eleven the two City Visitants returned Home: When Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* sat themselves down together by the Fire-side, and entered into a *Tete a tete* Conversation concerning their Husbands. Lady *Betty* expressed her Surprize at what Company they could meet with, to entertain them 'till such late Hours; averring she believed it could be no other than Women of the Town, that they conversed with; and gave Mrs. *Sprightly* many very strong Reasons, for her harbouring such an Opinion of their two Spouses.

Tho' Mrs. *Sprightly*, as we said before, from the gay Course of Life she led, had hardly found Time to think upon the Matter; yet Lady *Betty*'s Assertion so fired her with Disdain, at her Husband's Treatment, that it covered her Face with vivid Blushes: And she answered, that for her Part, she could hardly entertain such shocking Thoughts of Mr. *Sprightly*'s Inconstancy, unless she had ocular Proofs of it; but, however, as Lady *Betty* had put it into her Head, she was determined some Night or other to take her Woman with her, and to follow him in Disguise to his Places of Rendezvous, to satisfy herself how he passed his Time.

Lady *Betty* finding Mrs. *Sprightly* so piqued with Jealousy, at her mentioning this Subject, very freely declared that she should be glad to bear them Company, if the Thing could be transacted without injuring her Honour; for should they be detected in such an Exploit, their Reputations would run a very great Hazard of being traduced by the Town.—“That, Ma-
“dam,” says Mrs. *Sprightly*, “is what I am
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“ under very little Apprehensions of ; as unless
 “ some extraordinary Accident happens, we can
 “ hardly be discovered, but by those that we
 “ want to detect, and whose Interest it will be
 “ to secrete the Affair.”

After some small Debate upon the Matter, Lady *Betty* came into Mrs. *Sprightly*'s Project so heartily, that she was for putting it into Execution directly. But the other, looking on her Watch, and perceiving it to be near upon the Stroke of Twelve, desired that it might be deferred 'till another Opportunity ; as it would take up some Time to undress and disguise themselves in proper Apparel: And, moreover, that setting out upon such an Adventure so late at Night, might be hazardous to their Persons, from the Number of Robbers that the Streets were infested with: Besides which, some further Time was requisite for their concerting Measures together, so as to prevent any Discovery ; and also to secure themselves from any occasional Attacks or Insults, that they might chance to meet with. Upon this, Lady *Betty* appointed the next Morning for their meeting and consulting together at her House, whereupon the two Ladies parted for that Time.

Dorimant and *Ned Sprightly* had been so well employed, in matriculating their Country Companions in the Delights of *London*, that neither of them came home 'till about Six in the Morning, and both pretty much intoxicated with Wine. Lady *Betty* perceiving her Husband in Liquor, and being very earnest for putting Mrs. *Sprightly*'s Project in Execution, took the Opportunity of enquiring as her Spouse came to Bed, what Company he had been in, that could en-

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WROTE by J. M. on casually landing at

Mr. HALL's, the Hoop and Bunch of Grapes at Battersea, and seeing the fine Alteration of his Garden, together with the delightful View of some antient Roman Ruins, well worthy the Observation of the Curious, and inferior to none of its Kind in England; the Paintings being done by one of the best Hands in Europe:

Great God of Poets, and of Musick King,
Let me with Calliope Rhetorick sing;
Let me the Grandeur of an Eden shew,
A second Paradise entirely new;
Her Umbrias green, do form th' safe Retreat,
From blust'rous Winds, and Sol's more scorching Heat;
His fiery Beams but dart a noble Glade,
And gild with Golden Hue the pleasant Shade;
There gentle Zephyrs cool the sultry Air,
And winged Songsters please the nicest Ear.
View well the Prospect from each charming Grove,
'Twill Admiration raise, and kindle Love;
Inspir'd by both, you then may justly own,
The like ne'er seen before, nor never known;
Ruinous Fabricks, mould'ring Walls they raise,
Grand in their Ruin, well deserving Praise;
There fallen Columns and Pilasters lay,
Mix'd with each other, on the Maiden Clay;
And, in the Entrance, cast a graceful View,
A Building standing, on her Relicks too;
Between the shatter'd Sculptures stand
The sacred Urns of Kings that rul'd the Land,
Famous for War, or other Virtues shone,
Still live, tho' dead, in a resembled Stone;
Time can't destroy the Merit of the Brave,
Nor shall their Mem'ry rot within the Grave;
As does the Sun its hourly Course pursue,
They still abide, and still are in our View.
At farther End an Amphitheatre see,
A Palace, once a Court of high Degree,
Worn out by Time, altho' but lately rais'd;
The stately Ruins then my Sight amaz'd.
Hard by there stands another Piece of Fame,
Full as delightful, but without a Name.

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gage him to stay out so late such a cold Night? And, as Wine generally speaks Truth, *Dorimant* made no Hesitation at declaring, that he had been to Supper at the *Bedford-Head* to give some intimate Companions a Welcome to Town; and that he and *Ned Sprightly* had been so highly entertained with their aukward Country Airs, that they could not find in their Hearts to part with them sooner: And as they had not yet had their fill of Diversion with them that Night, they had appointed the next Evening for all of them to go to *Covent-Garden* Playhouse together.

This Intelligence was what Lady *Betty* wanted. Wherefore rising about Ten, she slipped out in her Chair to Mrs. *Sprightly's*, under Pretence of taking a Breakfast with her; leaving *Dorimant* to sleep it out, as he generally did after his Night's Adventures, 'till about Two in the Afternoon.

On Lady *Betty's* Arrival at Mrs. *Sprightly's*, she found her just risen, and seemingly in a very gloomy Disposition; when running into her Arms, "My Dear," says she, "I have the most charming News to acquaint you with that you could wish to hear. Our two Sparks are to be out together To-night, upon the same Party of Pleasure as they were Yesterday Evening: Therefore, now if you have any Courage, we may contrive Matters together, so as to trace them through all their Midnight Revels, and detect them in their Perfidy."

She then made Mrs. *Sprightly* acquainted with what she had learnt from *Dorimant*: When Mrs. *Sprightly* finding Lady *Betty* so sanguine in the Affair, it gave her fresh Spirits; and they sat down over a Dish of Chocolate together, to consult Matters for accomplishing their Project. The
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Result of which was, that Mrs. *Flim*, their Milliner, should be engaged to make one of the Party; as she was perfectly acquainted with the Streets which they might be obliged to trace, and knew the Ways of the Town; and, moreover, as they were confident, that they could confide in her Secrecy. This being agreed upon, a Messenger was instantly dispatched for Mrs. *Flim*; and on her Arrival all proper Measures were taken for their issuing forth in the Evening, upon their concerted Adventure.

As neither *Dorimant* nor *Sprightly* arose 'till near Dinner-time, their Stomachs were too mawkish, from the Fumes of the last Night's Wine, for either of them to have much Appetite. At about Five *Dorimant* took a Hackney-Coach, and set out to call upon *Ned*; when they went to the Place where they had appointed to meet their Companions, which was the *Bedford-Arms* in *Covent-Garden* Piazzas; where taking a Bottle together, they slipped into the *Theatre*, just as the Play began.

No sooner were they gone, than Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Flim* met together at Mrs. *Sprightly's*; Mrs. *Flim* bringing with her a couple of ordinary Silk Gowns, close Capuchins, and black Hats for the Ladies: And that they might be the more sure of their lighting on their Quarry, Lady *Betty* proposed following them about Eight o'Clock to the Playhouse.

They passed the Time together very merrily till then, diverting themselves with the Entertainment they should meet with in their *Incognito* Ramble; and before their setting out, they took Care to exhilarate their Spirits with a Bottle of excellent *Champaign*. It was near Nine when they

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guish one from the other.

Last Friday Evening an Officer in the Army, driving a Coach
by Charing Cross, with another in it and two Ladies of Pleasure,
he insisted on a Carman's giving Way with a loaded Cart; which
he refusing, the Captain whipt him; on which the Carman re-
turned it, and whipt out one of his Eyes, and the rest of the
Fraternity joining their Brother, they drove the Officers, not-
withstanding their Swords, into a House, who with much Dif-
ficulty escaped over some Houses.

Last Saturday, about Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, the
Right Honourable the Lord-Mayor, attended by Mr Sheriff
Winterbottom, Alderman of Billingsgate Ward, and Mr Alder-
man Whitaker, Alderman of Lime-street Ward, in the Absence
of Mr Sheriff Alsop, Alderman of Coleman-street Ward, pro-
claimed Bartholomew-Fair with the usual Solemnity. His Lord-
ship and the Aldermen were presented with Cool-Tankards under
Newgate, by Mr Richard Akerman, the Keeper of that Goal,
according to annual Custom.

On Saturday last Charles Hawkins, Esq; a Gentleman of a
plentiful Fortune, near Rumford in Essex, was married to Miss
Anne Jones, of Collier-Row in that County, an agreeable young
Lady with a handsome Fortune.

Last Friday Night Mr Charlton, a Perriwig-Maker at Hoxton,
was robbed of two Guineas and some Silver, near Dalston, on his
Return from Clapton, by two Fellows, who made off towards
Newington.

The same Night died Mr Clark, Master of the Fox and
Goose Livery Stables, near London-Wall.

Last Friday Morning a Soldier was haltered on the Parade in
St James's-Parke, after which he received 500 Lashes, and was
drummed out of the Regiment, quite to the Admiralty Gate, for
being found guilty of Theft, and Sodomitical Practices, a Paper
with those Crimes written thereon, being fixed upon him.

Last Saturday an Express arrived from the Mediterranean,
with an Account of the Death of Admiral Medley, after an
Illness of Five Days.

Last Saturday Morning, a young Woman meanly dressed, was
found drowned in Fleet-Ditch; she was seen walking about
there for some Time; and it is said; that being light-headed in

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arrived at the Playhouse, just as the Entertainment was begun; when going into the Two-Shilling Gallery, they had not been long seated, before they espied *Dorimant* and *Ned Sprightly*, with three other Companions, in one of the Balcony Boxes, very assiduous in engaging the Conversation of two Ladies of Pleasure who sat in the Front; and whom, by their Appearance, Mrs. *Flim* presently knew to be Town-Misses, that frequently plied at the Coffee-houses and Bagnios, in and about the Purlieus of *Covent-Garden*.

The three Country Squires, that were in *Dorimant's* Company, seemed very eager in their Addresses to these two Ladies; whilst himself and *Ned Sprightly* sitting farther behind, as it is supposed to prevent being known, or taken too much Notice of, could not be so acutely discerned by their Inquisitors, as to distinguish minutely their Behaviour. However, having made this Discovery, Mrs. *Flim* whispered Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly*, that if they had a Mind to follow the Gentlemen when the Play was done, they should get out of the House before it was over; and she would conduct them to the Door, that *Dorimant* and his Companions must pass at.

This being directly agreed to, they placed themselves accordingly in the Way; and saw *Dorimant* and his Companions come out of the House; when a Link-Boy calling them a Coach, they got into it, and bid the Coachman drive to a certain Tavern near *Temple-Bar*.

The three Ladies would also have fain taken Coach to have followed them; but after staying some Time in the Piazzas, it being a rainy Night, they could not meet with e'er a Hack, but what

was either engaged, or had gotten a Fare. They were some Time debating upon what they should do, when at last, Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* determin'd upon following their Chace on Foot, at all Hazards: And Mrs. *Flim*, tho' she would fain have perswaded them from such an Enterprize, was at last oblig'd to acquiesce in the Proposal.

It was now past ten at Night, when our three Gentlewomen muffled themselves up, tucked their Petticoats above their Heels, and trudged away towards *Temple-Bar*. In passing along between *Somerjet-house* and the New Church in the *Strand*, they were met by four *Street-Walkers*, that had been long us'd to tramp those Quarters; and from the Oddness of our Ladies Disguise, they took them to be some Strangers of their own Occupation, that were come thither to trespass upon their Walks. They had no sooner surmised this Conjecture, than they made a full Stop; and, after some Consultation together, determin'd to follow and attack them. Our Travellers had got about as far as the End of *Norfolk street*, when the Town Ladies came up with them: One of whom gave Lady *Betty* such a Jostle, as pushed her almost on the other Side of the Posts. She was very much surprized at this rough Usage; and asked the other, whether the Way was not wide enough that she need to thrust so. The Town Lady replied, with a Volley of Oaths and foul Names, that, wide or narrow, she nor her Companions had not any Business in those Quarters; neither should they walk there, to take others Bread out of their Mouths.

Mrs. *Flim*, the Milliner, finding Lady *Betty* so hardly accosted, and having one of your mellifluous



M. Darcy fecit 1762.

Charing Cross.

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lissuious Tongues, began to open against the *Street-Walkers*, with a pretty loud Vociferation, and nearly in their own Stile of Language: When immediately, another of them gave her such a Stroke, with a large brawny Fist, across the Chops, as filled her Mouth full of Blood; and sent half a Dozen false Teeth, that she had in her Head, directly down her Throat. Half strangled with the sudden Gulp, that she was obliged to make of Blood and Bones together, she at last recovered herself so far, as to be able to call out, though somewhat faintly, for the Watch; when Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* joining their Voices, the Town Ladies set up the same shrill Cry; which Noise soon brought a decrepid old Fellow, with his Staff and Lanthorn, from his Stand to their Assistance.

Mrs. *Flim* instantly requested him to charge their Assailants; but the Midnight Perambulator being in Fee with the *Street-Walkers*, and knowing nothing of the other Ladies, was about to take their Parts, upon being made acquainted by them, that our three Ramblers were of their own Fraternity, by whom they had been insulted and abused, with an Intent to drive them out of their old Quarters.

The Noise of so many Female Voices, all pleading together, and none hearing what the other said, soon drew a Concourse of People to the Place, whose Curiosity prompted them to stand in the wet, (for it rained very fast,) to hear the Debate: When presently issued forth three rakish Bucks, from the *Crown* and *Anchor Tavern*, where they had been mellowing their Throats with Wine, and were now sallying Home to their Lodgings near *Charing-Cross*. Upon their com-

ing up to the contending Parties, they stood still a While to listen to the Dispute ; when presently recollecting the Ladies of the Town by their Personages, and, perhaps, by some other Tokens, they were about to be on their Side ; till one of them, being more sensible and discerning than the others, perceived somewhat, by the glimmering Light of the Watchman's Candle, in the Countenances and Mein of Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly*, as assured him they were no Women of common Rank. Hereupon, he immediately declared very loudly, that four to three were Odds ; and d-mn him if he would not take any Gentleman or Lady's Part in the Streets, that were attacked at a Disadvantage : And instantly drew his Sword in the Crowd.

As he was the Leader of his Companions, they gave great Attention to his Motions ; and imagining that the three distressed Ladies might be some of his private Acquaintance, they directly followed his Example, and whipp'd out their shining Blades. Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* on seeing Swords drawn, crept trembling up in a Door-Way ; and the *Town Ladies* immediately took to their Heels, and fled down the *Strand*, screaming out loudly for their Bullies to assist them : But happily none of them, being within Call, and Mrs. *Flim* acquainting the Gentlemen, that her Companions were Ladies of Distinction ; they sheathed their Swords, and the Croud withdrew by Degrees. Lady *Betty* being by this Time a little come to herself, put her Hand into her Pocker, and gave the Watchman Half a Crown to drink : When the *Captain*, who was chief of the *Bucks*, very readily offered his own and his Companions Service to see the Ladies

On Friday came on before Mr. Justice Page, at the Assizes at St. Edmund's-Bury in Suffolk, the Trial of Mr. Charles Drew, for the Murder of his Father Charles-John Drew, of Long-Melford in that County, Esq; which held from seven o'Clock in the Morning till twelve at Noon.

The Council for the King were Mr. Serjeant Prime, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Williams: For the Prisoner, Serjeant Urtin (the Deputy-Recorder of this City) and Mr. Pillsworth. The Counsel for the Prisoner moved that the Trial might be put off to the next Assizes, but it was not agreed to.

There were about 16 Witnesses examin'd to support the Indictment; but the principal Evidence against the Prisoner was Edward Humphreys, formerly an Ale-house-keeper at Long-Melford, who deposed, That on the 31st of January last, about 9 o'Clock at Night, as he was coming from Wicham to Long-Melford, he met the Prisoner with a Gun in his Hand, in a Lane between the two Houses of the late Mr. Drew (for the Deceased used to do his Business, and frequently lodg'd in a House at some Distance from that in which his Family liv'd) that he got off his Horse and put him into a Field, and then the Prisoner hid his Gun in a Necessary House, and they walk'd together to that House where the Family liv'd: That the Prisoner carried him into his Lodging-Room, and gave him a Dram of Brandy: That it being then between 11 and 12 o'Clock, they went together towards Mr. Drew's other House (where the Murder was committed) and the Prisoner taking his Gun with him, knock'd at the Door, and the Deceased opening the same, Humphreys being in the Street, at a little Distance, immediately heard a Noise within the House, but (pretended) could not distinguish whether it was the Report of a Gun, or the Fall of the Knockers of the Door: That then the Prisoner came out, and they walk'd together towards Liston-Hall, about a Mile and Half from Mr. Drew's House; and as soon as they had parted, Humphreys went back to the Place where he had left his Horse, and rode away to Dunmow in Essex, and did not hear of the Murder till he got to London. Humphreys being ask'd from the Bench, what Discourse they had in their Way to Liston-Hall, he reply'd, the Prisoner said, *He had done the Jobb*; and being ask'd what Jobb the Prisoner meant, Humphreys pretended not to know, saying the Prisoner express'd himself no farther.

Then a Servant Maid who liv'd at Liston-Hall at the Time the Fact was committed, and who let the Prisoner in on his Return from murdering his Father, was examined as to the time of his Return, who deposed, that it was at a Quarter after 11 o'Clock. The Maid being ask'd from the Bench, how she knew the Time of his Return so exactly, she reply'd, that the Prisoner pull'd out his Watch at his coming in and looking on it, said, it was just a Quarter past Eleven.

Other Witnesses swore, that Humphreys was at Melford that Night, and that when he came thither again about a Fortnight after, the Prisoner went to his House at Midnight; that when Humphreys was apprehended, the Prisoner shew'd a very great Uneasiness, threatened the Constable, and when a Gentleman press'd him very strongly to prosecute Humphreys, and told him plainly the Suspicion he would lie under if he did not do it, he was so far from taking his Advice, that he would have brib'd that same Gentleman to endeavour at getting Humphreys discharg'd: That soon after this he went to London, where he took the Name of Thomas Roberts, left off his Mourning, and wore lac'd Cloaths, took great Pains to conceal himself, gave Orders for conveying away his Estate, and hir'd one William Mace to go from London to Bury Goal (where Humphreys was confined) to hear what he would say; that while the Prisoner Drew was in Newgate he endeavour'd to corrupt one of the Turnkeys to let him escape, and go with him to France, by giving him a Bond of 1000 l. a Bill of Sale for several things of Value, (Part of which deliver'd) and a Note in which he promis'd him of his Estate, in case he should come home by his Majesty's Indemnity or otherwise; all which Papers, three or four Rings that the Prisoner gave him, were produc'd in Court.



dies home: Saying, he was afraid they would not light of a Coach a long while, it being such a wet Night: But as this was a Civility they did not want to have paid them, so they handsomely declined accepting it. The *Bucks* finding by the polite Manner in which Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* thanked them for the Favour of their Assistance, that they were not Women of common Rank; they very earnestly intreated them to step into the next Tavern to dry themselves, and take a little Refreshment; declaring they were all three Men of Honour, and that no Harm should come to them in their Company.

This Proffer, though made in a genteel Manner, put the Ladies to a Pause; as they were loth to hazard themselves in the Company of three Strangers at a Tavern; and yet they were afraid of refusing them, lest it might irritate their Tempers, and expose them to worse Treatment than they had before met with. But Mrs. *Flim* being a Woman of Spirit, and pretty much fatigued with her late Encounter, persuaded Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* to accept of the Gentlemen's Proposal: Whereupon, the three Blades presently conducted them to a civil House of Entertainment; and, calling for a Room, ordered a Bottle of Wine to be made hot, and the Ladies Capuchins and Hats to be carried into the Kitchen, and well dried by the Fire.

The three *Bucks*, that our Ladies had the good Fortune to meet with, were all really Men of Honour, tho' very wild. The Leader of them was a Captain of the Foot-Guards; and the other two were independent Gentlemen of small Fortunes. Upon the Company being seated, and a little refreshed, they discerned something so polite
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and engaging in the Behaviour of the two Ladies, that they presently discovered they were Persons of Distinction; as they conducted themselves with the greatest Modesty and Decorum, tho' not with an affected Reservedness.

This made the Captain the better pleased with his Guests, and he very civilly invited them to take a small Repast of what the House afforded; begging they would not put themselves under any Restraint, or be in the least apprehensive of any ill Consequences from this Adventure; for they should meet with no other Usage, than what they had hitherto experienced.

As the Ladies were pretty much harrassed by their wet Journey, and Encounter with the Women of the Town; they were all three heartily glad of the Refreshment and Entertainment they met with. Therefore Mrs. *Sprightly* declared, that as the Gentlemen had behaved so honourably, she should not be at all afraid to accept their Offer; but desired one Favour in Return, which was, that whatever was provided for them, they themselves would be at the Expence of it. This the Gentlemen declared they could not grant, as it would be an Affront to them to be treated by Ladies, whom they had taken into their Protection. But while the Matter was debating, the Captain stepped out of the Room, and ordered a Dish of Veal Cutlets, and three Wild Ducks to be got ready; and, on his Return, acquainted the Company that he had ordered a Supper at his own Charge and Option: But as he had been so rude, without consulting their Palates, he begged they would not punish him for it, by making him eat by himself. To which Lady *Betty*, who had now got some Spirits, replied, that the being

ing guilty of such Rudeness to their Deliverers, would be more uncivil than making the Gentlemen pay the Charge of the Entertainment; and, therefore, she very readily agreed to share with them in the Repast, even if they would not permit her the Pleasure of defraying the Expence.

Supper was soon set on the Table; and nothing but innocent Mirth and Politeness appeared among the Company, during the whole Time. When after a few Glasses of Wine, the Clock struck one, and the Ladies began to think of withdrawing: Whereupon the Bill was called, and the Gentlemen insisting upon defraying the Charge, the Ladies consented, upon their being permitted to gratify the Waiters, to whom they gave a Crown, besides what they gave the Maid for drying their Things, and attending them. Two Coaches were soon procured; and the Gentlemen desired, that one of them might attend the Ladies Home in the one Coach, while the others followed in another. But Lady Betty kindly thanked them in the Name of the rest, and begged to be excused accepting this Favour; as their being known to be in any Gentlemen's Company so late at Night, might be of dangerous Consequence to their Reputations. This and some other strong Arguments, prevailed with the *Bucks* to agree to the Ladies Request; and after a civil Salute, and mutually wishing each other good Night, the Gentlemen handed the three Ladies into a Coach; which they ordered to drive into the City; and then stepped back into the Tavern together, to take another Bottle by themselves and confer upon this Adventure.

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The three Ladies drove a pretty Way up *Fleet-Street*, before they could agree whether to return Home, or to pursue the Design they had set out upon; especially as they had already been so horribly frightened. They had ordered the Coach to drive into the City, purposely to prevent any of their late Companions from discovering in what Part of the Town they lived, if they should follow them: To discern which, Mrs. *Flim* every now and then put her Head out of the Coach Windows; but seeing none of the Sparks, they ordered the Coachman to stop, while they held a Consultation together; when it was determined to drive back towards *Temple-Bar*, that Mrs. *Flim* should get out at a little Distance, and go to the Tavern, where they expected to find *Dorimant* and his Companions, to enquire after them.

This was done accordingly; and on her coming to the Bar she was informed, that he and another Gentleman, and two Ladies were above Stairs. She perceived a Coach waiting at the Door, and was hardly got out of the House when she heard it draw up; and standing a little aside, she saw *Dorimant*, and *Ned Sprightly*, hand the two Misses into it, with whom she had seen them at the Playhouse; and heard the Coachman directed to drive to *Covent-Garden*.

She flew back with the News of her Discovery to the two Ladies; and their Driver was directly ordered to follow the Coach before them at some Distance, but to be sure not to lose Sight of it; which indeed there was little Danger of doing, as there were few other Coaches in the Streets, at that Time of Night.

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They drove on a considerable Way, when just at the Corner of a Street, whether the Coachman was in Liquor, or made too short a Turn; yet so it was, that he run one of his hind Wheels against a Post, which struck it off the Axle-tree; and had not the Coach been some how supported by the Post they ran against, they had all fell to the Ground.

They were very much frightened at this terrible Jolt; when the Coachman perceiving his Wheel struck off, assisted them to get out on the other Side, which they did without meeting with any Harm. They generously paid the Man what he desired, which was half a Crown, and then trudged on a Foot after the other Coach, that was still within Sight: But walking slowly, not knowing their Way very well, it soon drove away from them: When hearing the Sound of another, which they took to be the same, as it went towards *Covent-Garden*, they followed it.

This Coach drove to a Street adjoining to *Covent Garden*, and stopt at a Door where was a Lamp. Our Night Walkers kept such a good Pace as to come up with it, just as the Fare got out; when to their great Surprize, instead of *Dorimant* or Mr. *Sprightly*, whom they thought they had been following, out jump'd a Gentleman in laced Cloaths with a Star on his Breast, and ran into the House. There were several Chairmen plying at the Door; and upon the Ladies enquiring who lived there, they were informed it was a Gaming-House. Upon this Mrs. *Flim* asked one of the Men if he knew *Dorimant* or Mr. *Sprightly*, and could tell whether either of those Gentlemen were then in the House. To which he answered that he knew them both very well,

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having often been his Fare; but could not say, that either of them were then in the House: However, if the Ladies would give him something to drink, he would step and enquire of one of the Waiters, and let them know immediately.

Mrs. *Flim* told him she would give him a Shilling; whereupon the Chairman went in, and presently returned with an Answer, that neither of the Gentlemen had been there that Night. The Ladies were now so much chagrin'd at their Disappointment, that they began to give up all Thoughts of following their Pursuit, and heartily wished themselves at Home again: For which Purpose, they would have been glad of a Coach or Chair to carry them, but the Coach they had followed was kept in Waiting by the Fare it had brought; and, upon Enquiry, all the Chairs, then there, were engaged in the same Manner. Therefore they were, once more, obliged to go on Foot. However, as the Moon was by this Time rose pretty high, they had Light sufficient to conduct them to their Habitations.

While they were parlying with the Chairmen at the Gaming House Door, a tall, thin Gentleman came out, dressed in a Gold edged Coat, a Brigadier Wig, and a Gold laced Hat. He had been fortunate enough to meet with a good Run that Night at the Play Table; for, (at his coming out of the House) he would fain have taken a Chair, but found they were all hired; and the Chairmen immediately saluted him with, G-d bless your Honour! We hope your Honour will give us something to drink to the Continuance of your Luck: —When putting his Hand into his Pocket he flung them down three or four Shillings.

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On Thursday as two Gentleman were coming over Chelsea Fields to Hyde Park Corner, a Person well dressed, who, with two more, stood at a little Distance from the Road, as if engaged in Conversation, very politely accosted them, and begged the Favour they would be so good as give them Change for a Moidore, as he had some Money to pay to one of those Men who were going into Country; upon which one of the Gentlemen gave into his Hand a Guinea and six Shillings, not suspecting any Fraud, which he had no sooner received than he turned quick upon his Heel, gave a Whistle and run with great Impetuosity over the Fields, and, before the Gentleman had recovered from their Astonishment they were all out of Danger of being seized.

Last Saturday Mr. Wilkins, of High Wickham was robbed on Ruslep Common of 20 l. by two Fellows well armed; who afterwards robbed another Person on the said Common of upwards of 5 l.

London, March 1, 1754.

WHEREAS the Partnership between Mess.

Brome and Usborne, Linnen-Drapers, at the Golden Key and Crown in Fleet-Street, is this Day dissolv'd: Mr. Usborne begs Leave to acquaint his Friends and Customers, that he is removed to the Sign of the Crown, three Doors lower; where he hopes to have the Continuance of their former Favours, which will farther add to the Obligations of their most obliged humble Servant to command,

John Usborne.

IF the Lady that was at the last Masquerade,

dress'd in a white Domino, trimm'd with Purple, a Hat of the same, tall, and genteel in Person, will be so obliging as to favour the Gentleman who ask'd her to dance, but was refused, with a Line when and where he may have the Pleasure of seeing her, by directing for C. G. at the Cocoa-Tree in Pall-Mall, he intends to propose something greatly to her Advantage, and hopes it will meet with her Approbation.

Note, A Coach and Six, and 7000 l. per Annum, at her Service, if she don't think the Gentleman too old.

At Seymour's Coffee and Jelly House up one Pair of Stairs, at the Green Cannister in Pope's Head Alley, Cornhill, fitted up in the most elegant Taste, genuine Chocolate is sold at 2 d. a Dish, Jellies 2 d. a Glais. or 2 s. per Dozen, fourteen to the Dozen to those that sell again; Royal Queen and Nuns Cakes in great Perfection. An Ordinary at half an Hour after Two, at 1 s. per Head, a Gill of Wine, or three Pennyworth of Punch included. Apartments to let.

To be sold at the Cocoa Tree in Johnson's Court, at Charing Cross, good Hartshorn Jellies at 2 s. a Dozen, 6 s. a Dozen to be left for Glasses, which will be return'd when the Glasses are brought home. The Sign of the Three Nuns is at the Entrance of the said Court, and the Turk's Head the other Side.

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The Chairmen presently scrambled up the Money; but making some Noise and Bustle about dividing it amongst themselves, the Ladies thought proper to withdraw, for fear of a Riot ensuing, and directly walked homewards; the Gentleman going the same Way, at about twenty Paces Distance before them.

They had not proceeded far when he hearing their Footsteps behind him looked back to see who followed at that Time of Night. And perceiving them to be three Females pretty well dressed, it directly struck into his Head that they must be Ladies of the Town, who were rambling home from some Bagnio; and his Spirits being flushed with the Success he had met with at the Gaming-Table, he determined within himself to select the handsomest of the three Ladies, to pass the Remainder of the Night with him.

Accordingly, he walked gently 'till they came up with him; when turning short, he accosted them very civilly, desired to know which Way they were going, and offered to see them safe home to their Lodgings. They found he was a Foreigner by his Accent, speaking very broken *English*; and desired to be excused accepting his Offer, as they had far to go, and would not be so troublesome to take any Gentleman so far from home. As he imagined this only a Compliment in Course, he kept walking on and talking with them for some Streets Length, when presently there appeared several Lights coming towards them.

As the Ladies had now such a fine Gentleman in their Company, they were under no Apprehensions of Danger except from Street-Robbers, which they knew the Company approaching them

could not be by their Lanthorns: But, on their meeting together, they found it was the Constable of the Night and his Watchmen going their Rounds. He immediately stopped them, and enquired very loudly who they were, what they did out so late (it being now past Three o'Clock) and where they were going. The Gentleman answered in his broken *English*, that he lived at St. James's Palace, and had been out to Supper, but could not light of e'er a Coach or Chair to carry him home; and as for the three Ladies he knew nothing of them, but only happened to overtake them in the Street.

Upon this, the Midnight Magistrate put the same Questions to the Ladies, with a *very imperious Voice*: And Mrs. *Flim* answered in the Name of the rest, that they were just come out of the City, where they had been to spend the Evening; but having had the Misfortune to have their Coach break down in the *Strand*, and not being able to procure any other Carriage, they were obliged to walk home on Foot. Though this was partly true, yet it was not satisfactory to the Constable; who taking them to be three of the bettermost sort of *Street-Walkers*, that had picked up the Gentleman, he was willing to make a *Penny* of them: And, therefore, directly told them, that if they could give no better Account of themselves, he and his Men must see them safe to the Round-house 'till Morning, when he should have them before a Magistrate, who might discharge them if he pleased; but, for his Part, he did not think proper to do so, as it was his Duty to keep the Streets clear of People, that had no real Business in them.—To this the foreign Gentleman replied, that he saw no

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Monday Night (for the first Time) London Bridge appeared most gloriously illuminated by the Addition of nineteen globular Lights to the seven Convex, which they had before, generously subscribed for by the Inhabitants; and it shews the Emulation of the Citizens to vie with each other in this Respect, Cornhill, Part of Cheapside, Friday-street and Newgate-street having for some Time past set this laudable Example, which all must own will greatly contribute to prevent the Robberies so frequent in this City. 1731

THE Creditors, or the Representatives of any Creditors, who have prov'd their Debts under the Commission of Bankruptcy awarded against John Beck, late of Watford in the County of Hertford, Shopkeeper and Chapman, may be paid their final Dividend by applying to Mr. Handley, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn New Square, any Day this Week, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve o'Clock in the Forenoon.

NOTICE is hereby given to all such Persons as have any Demands on the Estate of Mr. James Lindesay, late Surgeon of his Majesty's Ship Garland, deceas'd, to send or produce the same to Mr. James Bensley, in Fenchurch-Street, Executor, on or before the 31st of October next.

IF Edward Steel, one of the Legatees named in the Will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Gresham, formerly of Poland-Street, Spinster, who died near about thirty Years ago, or his lawful Representative (for it is supposed he died abroad above twenty years since) will apply to Mr. John Cowper, Attorney at Law in Greville-Street, Hatton-Garden, he has something advantageous to offer.

LOST from Islington a little red-hair'd Boy, almost five Years old, his Name John Corkin; and a tender Mother, almost crazy, will reward any Person that will be so kind as to bring him home next Door to the Rising Sun in the back Road Islington. He had on a little Surtout Coat with a Cape.

FORCED, or strayed on Friday Evening the 26th instant, from the Golden Sash in Blackmoor-Street, Clare-Market, a Girl about five Years old (very backward in her Speech) answers to the Name of Elizabeth Vollam: Whoever brings her as directed above, shall be satisfied for their Trouble.

The Original Washing Machine Warehouse is removed from Duke-Street, Bloomsbury, to the said Place, where printed Bills are given as formerly.

Lands survey'd, and Maps neatly drawn.

WHEREAS on Saturday the 6th instant, Walter Bull, Apprentice to Mr. John Lewis, Painter, in New North-Street, near Red-Lion-Square, absented himself from his Master's Service, and has not since returned: This is to warn all Persons whatsoever from harbouring and entertaining the said Walter Bull, his Master being fully resolved to prosecute any Person whatsoever that shall entertain his said Apprentice after the Publication hereof.

WHEREAS Daniel Shepherd, Servant to Ann Godin, Chimney-Sweepers, of Old Swan Lane, Thames Street, did on Tuesday the 23d instant, leave his Mistress's Service and took with him John Shepherd, his Brother: Whoever harbours them shall be prosecuted as the Law directs, and whoever brings them home, shall have Ten Shillings Reward; but if they come home shall be kindly received. Daniel is a well set Lad, about nineteen Years old, five Feet four Inches high, short Legs, long Nose, large Ears, a slow Gate, and walks very stiff: John is a straight-made Boy, round faced, eight Years old, with a Scar over his left Eye.



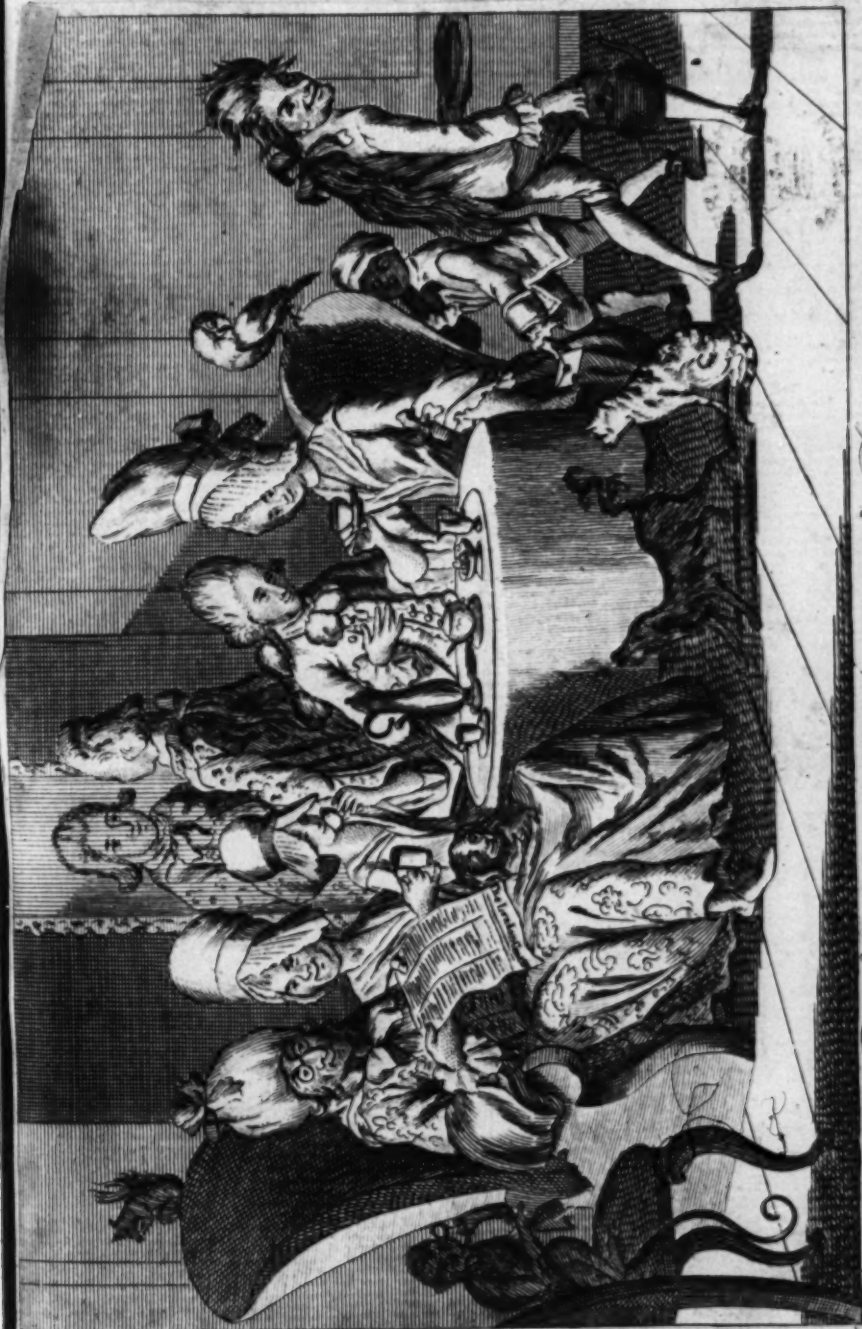
Authority the Constable had to molest People, who could give a good Account of themselves, and were going quietly home to their Habitations; and that he should acquaint his Betters with the Usage he met with.—“Sir,” answers the Staff-Officer, “if you were a Prince, I have a Right to stop you, as I represent his MA-
 “JESTY’s Person: And as I have received no
 “satisfactory Answer from you nor these three
 “Women in your Company, I charge you all
 “directly to go along with me to the Watch-
 “house, or otherwise I shall order the Watch-
 “men to compel you to it.”

This rough Usage very much startled our three Ladies, who presently conceived dreadful Ideas of being carried to a Round-house. Lady Betty and Mrs. *Sprightly* could scarcely refrain from Tears, at the ill Fortune of lighting into such Hands; when Mrs. *Flim* slipping a *Crown-Piece* in the Constable’s Palm, requested him to hear her a little further: And, upon his standing a little, she acquainted him, that she was a Housekeeper, named the Place where she lived, and told him the other two Ladies were Women of Fashion. This timely Bribe somewhat mollified the Officer; but recollecting that if they were the Persons they represented themselves, they would be glad to retrieve their Liberty at a higher Price, rather than undergo the Scandal of lying all Night in a Round-house, he resolved to make his Market of them: But bethought himself, that if he carried them thither, the Keeper would reap the most Benefit from them; besides which, he was uncertain whether the Law would bear him out in such an Action, as it certainly would not. Wherefore he told them, that to
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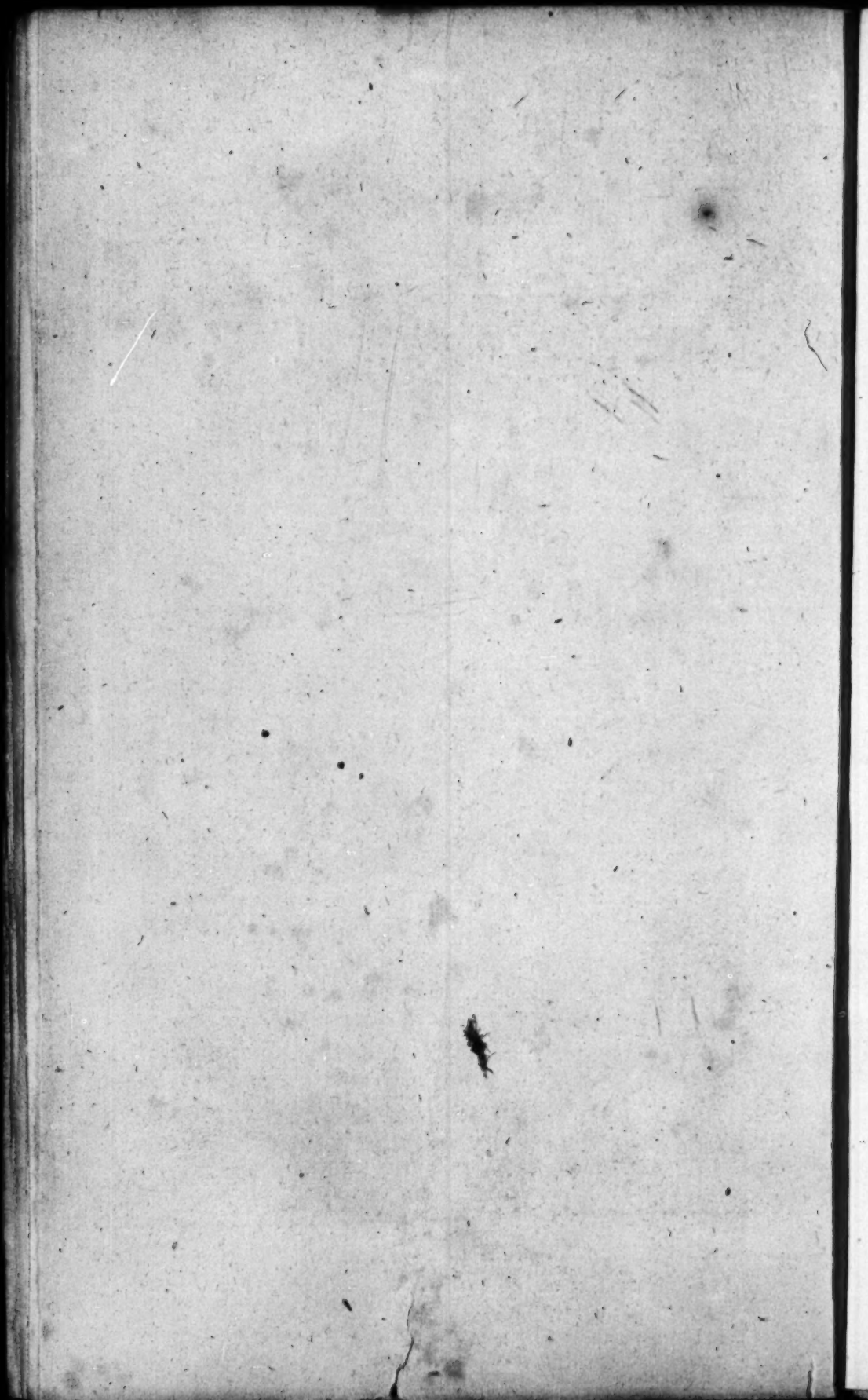
use them as civilly as was in his Power, he would conduct them to his own House which was hard by, where they might stay in Safety; and that if they could send for any body to appear to their Characters, he would venture to release them, without any further Trouble.

Of two Evils the Ladies very wisely chose the least; and preferred the Constable's Quarters infinitely before the Round-house. He kept an Alehouse and had a Wine-Licence; and upon their coming thither, directly informed them that they might have whatever they pleased to call for. Whereupon the foreign Gentleman, who was also brought thither, ordered a Bottle of Wine; and Mrs. *Flim* gave one of the Watchmen a Shilling, to go a little Way to fetch a young *Laceman* of her Acquaintance, whom she had helped to several good Customers, to release them from Dudgeon.

The *Laceman* soon slipt on his Cloaths, and joined their Company; and having served an Office in the Parish, was known to the Constable, whom he reprimanded very severely for taking People of Distinction into Custody, without a sufficient Warrant or Cause for so doing. And passing his Word for the three Ladies and Gentleman, whom he knew somewhat of by Sight, the Constable, finding himself in an Error, very readily agreed to release his Prisoners, and directly informed them, they were at Liberty to go whither they pleased. Mrs. *Flim* called her Friend the *Laceman* aside, and began to make some Proposals to him of prosecuting the Officer; but upon imparting the Matter to Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly*, they thought proper to forbid



The Happy Family at Breakfast.



bid it, as the Story might bring their Reputations into Question with the World.

The foreign Gentleman thanked Mrs. *Flim* for his Releasement, and having with some Difficulty procured a Chair, by the help of a Watchman that attended them, took Leave of his Company, and set out homewards. And the three Ladies were so fatigued with their Night's *Ramble*, and walking the Streets, that they sent for a Coach, clapt themselves into it, and drove away to Lady *Betty's*, where they expected to arrive before *Dorimant* would be at home.

As they were driving along, and chatting of the Adventures of the Night, they perceived two Gentlemen pretty much in Liquor, staggering along Arm in Arm together, but did not know them. This happened to be no other than *Dorimant* and *Ned Sprightly*; who had observed the Coach with three Females in it, and considering the Time of the Morning, they had resolved to follow it and see whither they went to. But on coming to a Crossing, and the Coachman not permitting them to go by first, they directly quarrelled with him, and were known by their Voices to the Ladies in the Coach, to their great Surprize at meeting with them, when they did not so much desire it, as if they had found them at any of their Places of Rendezvous.

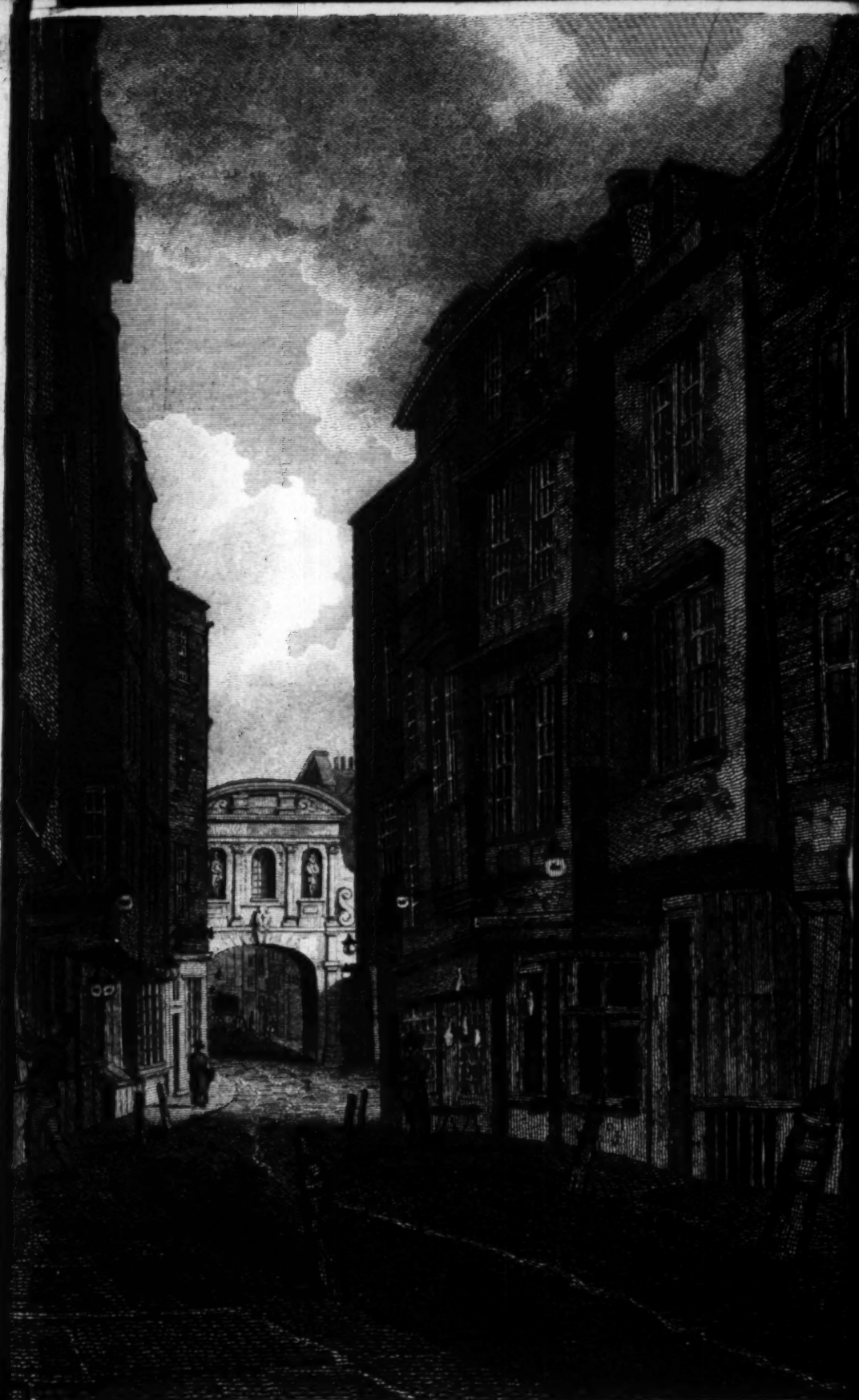
Words rose so high between the Gentlemen and the Coachman, that they drew their Swords, and insisted upon his Stopping, that they might examine what Passengers he had got, that he should offer to drive over two Gentlemen. This put the Ladies into a terrible Fright; and as they feared being discovered, both Lady *Betty*
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and *Sprightly* repented now more heartily of their Night's Frolick, than they had done before. However, Mrs. *Flim*, finding how the Case stood, whispered them to fear nothing, but only to keep Silence, and leave the Matter to her Management.

Dorimant and *Ned* came up to the Coach Side, and asked the Ladies how far they were going, swearing heartily they would see them to their Lodgings. Mrs. *Flim* made answer, as she was pretty sure her Voice would not be known, that they were but a few Streets from Home; and that, if they pleased, they might come into the Coach, and go along with them. "A Civil Invitation Demme!" says *Ned Sprightly*, and the "Devil take him that does not accept of it. Here's choice of Partridges e-Gad, and plump ones too, I believe." With that he whips open the Coach Door, and gets in, seating himself between Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Flim*; and *Dorimant* directly following him, shut to the Door, and bid the Coachman drive on.

They were no sooner in the Coach, than they fell to kissing their Fellow-Travellers; but neither Lady *Betty* nor Mrs. *Sprightly* spoke a Word, Mrs. *Flim* finding sufficient Discourse to entertain the two Gentlemen with, 'till the Coach stop'd at Lady *Betty*'s Door, from whence they were not far off when this Re-encounter happened.

Dorimant and *Ned Sprightly* were both of them too much in Liquor, to discover who they were in Company with; neither did the former know his own House, when he came to it: Till alighting to hand the Ladies out of the Coach,
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Engraved by J. Stone, from a Drawing made by E. Deyre in June 1796.

Temple Bar, from Butcher Row.
LONDON.



and entering the Door, he was amazed at finding himself at Home, and Lady *Betty*, Mrs. *Sprightly*, and their Milliner in Company with them.

Ned Sprightly, as soon as he discovered his new Companions, and found where he was, became as much surpris'd as *Dorimant*; and their sudden Amazement brought them both pretty well to their Senses. When says *Ned* to *Dorimant*, "Why, how the Devil is this come about! — Our Wives keep fine Hours, and " special Company, by Gad! — But prithee, " *Dorimant*, let's take a Glass with them before " we part, that we may come to a little " *Eclaircissement* together; for, I fear, here's " foul Play, some how or other, in the " Case."

The Servant was ordered to discharge the Coach, and all the Company walked into the Parlour together; when, Wine being brought, and the Door shut, they began to come to an Explanation, Lady *Betty* and Mrs. *Sprightly* opening the Cause, by railing heartily at their Husbands for keeping Company with Women of the Town; and acquainting them with their having detected them at the Playhouse, and of their following them to *Temple-Bar*.

Neither *Dorimant* nor *Ned* could well reply to the Charge; the former complained his Head ached, and the latter desired to know of his Wife, whether he should wait on her Home. Hereupon Mrs. *Flim* earnestly requested, that the Affair might be deferred any farther Cavaſſing, 'till they had slept upon it; which was presently agreed to: When *Ned* and his Wife took their Leave, Mrs. *Flim* went to Bed to

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Lady *Betty's* Woman, and *Dorimant* reeled away to his Repose along with his Spouse.

At Breakfast, all the Parties being met, they had a thorough hearing together; when *Dorimant* and *Ned Sprightly* gave their Wives full Assurance of amending their Behaviour, upon Condition that they mentioned nothing more of the Affair. But as this Night's Adventures were known by more Persons than themselves, and it being almost impossible to bind Women's Tongues to Secrecy; so the Affair soon got Wind, and became Matter of Diversion to the Town, tho' related in different Manners: Every one adding what they thought proper to the Truth of the Story; which we have here inserted, as received from a very authentic Hand. And though, perhaps, these Adventures of this Night, may not have left any great Impression upon the two Gentlemen, unless it be making them more cautious in their future Amours; yet it is very likely to have such an Effect upon their Ladies, as to prevent their undertaking any more Midnight Rambles, lest they should meet with worse Disasters than they experienced in this: And we hope it will be a Warning to the Female Sex, not to trust themselves abroad on any Frolicks, in this lewd and wicked Town, at unreasonable Hours; nor to venture traversing *London*, in Disguises unsuitable to their Stations.

